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INFO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, BR

SUBJECT: BRASIL HAD TRADE SURPLUS IN APRIL

1. FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY (MAY 16) THAT BRAZIL HAD A TRADE SURPLUS OF \$70 MILLION IN APRIL, AFTER 41 MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS DEFICITS. AS A RESULT, THE CUMULATIVE TRADE DEFICIT FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR WAS REDUCED TO \$63 MILLION AS COMPARED WITH A TRADE DEFICIT OF \$1,307 MILLION DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

2. TOTAL EXPORTS THROUGH APRIL AMOUNTED TO \$3,761 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 45.3 PERCENT OVER JAN-APRIL 1976. TOTAL IMPORTS CAME TO \$3,824 MILLION, DOWN 2.0 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE BREAKDOWN OF EXPORTS FOR APRIL WAS NOT RELEASED, ALL INDICATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE THAT COFFEE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TURN-AROUND IN THE TRADE ACCOUNT. WITH MAY BEING THE BEGINNING OF THE FAVORABLE EXPORT SEASON FOR MANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, THE AUTHORITIES ARE HOPEFUL TO SEE THE TRADE ACCOUNT IN THE BLACK FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.  
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